

Chapter 8.40 Snow Emergency

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8.40.010 Purpose and Policy. This chapter provides procedures that the City will take during snow emergencies and establishes emergency snow plow routes and regulations thereof during snow emergencies.

8.40.020 Definitions: For purposes of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply to the City of Mosier and this chapter:

- A. “Officer” means any law enforcement officer or City official designated by the Mayor to carry out or enforce the provisions of this Chapter.
- B. “Roadway” means that portion of the public right-of-way (street or highway) improved, designed or ordinarily used for vehicular travel, exclusive of the berm or shoulder.
- C. “Street” or “highway” mean the entire width between the boundary lines of every publicly maintained right-of-way when any part thereof is open to use by the public for vehicular travel.
- D. “Snow tires” means any tires mounted on drive wheels of a motor vehicle that are especially designed to give effective traction on snow, mud or ice covered streets by means of extra heavy duty treads with special high traction patterns or steel studs, except that no tire so defined shall be construed to be a snow tire if it is damaged or worn to the extent that its performance is substantially impaired or reduced.
- E. “Tire chains” means any metal chains or cables mounted on drive wheel tires of a motor vehicle that cross the tread of the tire laterally in at least three places.

8.40.030 Snow Emergency. For purposes of this Chapter, a snow emergency is deemed to exist when weather conditions are such that falling snow, sleet or freezing rain accumulates on the ground so as to blanket or cover the ground, making it necessary for the operation of snow plows or other equipment to clear streets to permit safe vehicular passage.

8.40.040 Snow Emergency Routes. On all streets designated by this chapter as snow emergency tow away zones, there shall be posted special signs at intervals reasonably calculated to advise the public with the following or similar wording: “No Parking During Snow Emergency – Tow Away Zone.” These signs shall be distinctive and uniform in appearance and shall be plainly readable to people traveling on the streets.

8.40.050 Parking Prohibited on Snow Emergency Routes during a Snow Emergency. Whenever a snow emergency exists, no motor vehicle shall be parked on City streets designated as Snow Emergency Routes. This parking prohibition shall remain in effect until the conditions causing the snow emergency have subsided. While the parking prohibition is in effect, no person shall park or allow to remain parked any vehicle on any portion of the street that is designated as a Snow Emergency Route.

8.40.060 Allowing a Vehicle to Stall on a Snow Emergency Routes. No person operating or responsible for a motor vehicle on any Snow Emergency Route during a snow emergency shall allow such a vehicle to stall or stop moving because its drive wheels are not equipped with effective snow tires or tire chains or because the vehicle is out of fuel or its battery is dead.

8.40.070 Stalled Vehicle, Operator Requirements.

- A. Whenever a vehicle becomes stalled on a Snow Emergency Route during a snow emergency for any reason, the person operating or responsible for that motor vehicle shall take immediate action to remove the vehicle from the right-of-way, have it towed or pushed off of the Snow Emergency Route.
- B. No person shall abandon or leave a vehicle in a Snow Emergency Route during a snow emergency.

8.40.080 Vehicle Impoundment Authorized, Procedures.

- A. Any law enforcement officer or City representative designated to enforce this chapter is authorized to remove or have removed a vehicle from a Snow Emergency Route during a snow emergency to the nearest garage or place of safety, including another location on a street that is not a Snow Emergency Route.
- B. Whenever an officer removes or has removed a vehicle from a Snow Emergency Route during a snow emergency, as authorized by this chapter, the officer shall take steps to identify the record owner of the vehicle and to notify the record owner of the fact that the vehicle has been removed and where. If the vehicle has been removed to a garage, the officer shall provide to the garage owner the vehicle owner information. The officer shall also comply with all of the

notification procedures set forth in MMC chapter 8.25 that apply when vehicles are towed and impounded.

- C. The record owner of any vehicle towed or impounded pursuant to this chapter shall have the procedural rights accorded by, and shall be subject to the procedures of, MMC chapter 8.25 with regard to recovery of the vehicle and responsibility for tow, impound and storage charges.

8.40.090 Violations and Citation Authority. The record owner of any motor vehicle found parked, left or abandoned without the driver in violation of this chapter, may be cited for a traffic violation or a civil infraction under MCC chapter 2.10.